

January to March
2009

Reaching Out



Mark Your Calendars:

Monday nights –
Marriage
Ministry and Job
Networking

May 3 – Troop
1146 Food Drive

May 4 –
Bereavement
Meeting

May 4 – Young
and Parenting
Volunteer
Meeting

May 7 –
Coupons
Counts Meeting

May 10 – Baby
Bottle Blessings

May 11 –
Outreach
Ministry Meeting

May 12 or 19 –
SVDP Meeting

May 14 –
Gathering Place
Meeting

May 18 – Young
and Parenting
Meeting

May 26 –
Second Family
Meeting

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Speak Up for CanCare Cancer Support

Cancer has affected each of us in some way, whether we've had it, or know someone who has been diagnosed with it.

When someone is affected by cancer, it would be wonderful to have a personal support system available at any time. CanCare (www.cancareorg) is an organization that provides this type of service FREE of charge. It is comprised of trained volunteers, who are either survivors of

more than 50 types of cancer or are their loved ones. The volunteer is "matched" with either a person battling cancer or a family member, and provides one-on-one emotional and spiritual support.

Sarah McCall is the CanCare Liaison for Epiphany. She would appreciate the opportunity to raise awareness at Epiphany of CanCare's benefits and free services

to anyone newly diagnosed with cancer as well as their caregivers. Sarah's phone number is **281-493-4099**. She welcomes a call for more information and is willing to speak to anyone (or, group) who may be interested.



Blood Drives Put Epiphany on Path of Success

Epiphany of the Lord received the Path of Success Award commemorating the achievements made in hosting blood drives at "A Celebration of Life" luncheon and awards ceremony hosted by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood

Center at Reliant Stadium.

In 2008, the Blood Center saved 314,000 lives with an increase from the previous year of 23,000 units of blood collected. Thank you to the generous parishioners

that Commit for Life by donating at the blood drives or at a blood center and for organizing and running our blood drives.

Our next Blood Drive will be on **June 14**.

Epiphany Donations Aid 35,000 Guatemalans

St. Thomas Aquinas in College Station and St. Mary's Seminary in Houston ventured out on their 7th Annual Medical Mission to Tamahu,

Guatemala.

Epiphany parishioners generously donated \$1,100, personal care

items, and their time. The mission trip helped 35,000 people thanks to contributions from donors everywhere!

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Meeting With Rwandan Refugees

As the school year draws to a close, Epiphany's JustFaith program does, too. What an enriching experience it has been! The different members of the group came from a variety of social backgrounds, but all were touched in time by the common thread of the love for humanity and justice for the world. Through the teachings, everyone has been fulfilled in learning something they did not recognize before having taken the class.

The latest hands-on project, or immersion

exercise, was visiting with Rwandan refugees. It was a moving experience to converse with them, understand their struggles, and help them assimilate into the American culture.

Catholic Charities has a liaison to help refugees, in addition to a Red Cross employee. They are inundated with refugees' needs and would appreciate any help. If you feel called to support Catholic Charities or are interested in taking Epiphany's JustFaith class starting in the Fall, please contact Outreach at **281-578-0707**.



Catholic Charities helps refugee with all aspects of resettlement.

Yes to YAP!

YAP (Young and Parenting) is a great new group at Epiphany. This is a ministry for those who are in their teens and 20's, pregnant or a parent, looking to meet others like them, and wanting support from an experienced parent. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Room 307. If you are interested in volunteering, send an email to **EpiphanyYAP@gmail.com**.

Save a Baby

Yes, it's that time of year again – Baby Bottle Blessings! What better way to celebrate Mother's Day on May 10 than to take a bottle home to fill with your treasures of coins, bills, and checks in hopes of saving a baby's life! We will have bottles distributed beginning on Mother's Day and collected through Father's Day, which is on June 21. We look forward to your participation.

Fairs Galore

Epiphany's Job Fair in January and Health Fair in February were highly successful, as deemed by attendees and volunteers. Thanks to all our volunteers who made these events possible and ensured they ran smoothly. We will host the two events again in the near future.

CFF Reaches Out

This year's service project for the 5th grade CFF classes was to collect items for the St. Jude's Ranch for Children in New Braunfels. They also had a successful bake sale, raising over \$1,000 in financial donations. In addition, Bingo donated \$150.

Ms. Chavis, St. Jude's Campus Director, sent a note thanking everyone for the donations and explaining how their programs help abused and traumatized children grow and develop so they can succeed in school and everyday life.



St. Jude's Ranch for Children in New Braunfels